

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Knox County EMA
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February 1, 2022 LEPC Meeting

held via Zoom

Committee Members Present:

Candice Richards	Knox County EMA	Robert Coombs	KRCC Director
Tom Nelson	PBMC	Mike Ames	Maine Water
Matt Allen	DuPont/IFF	Jerry Squires	Fisher Engineering
Drexell White	ME CDC	Nina Caputo	ME DEP
Tim Polky	St. George EMA		

Others Present:

Paul Tassey	CFAP Program	Matt Fournier	MEMA
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Committee members not present: Ray Sisk, Knox County EMA; Peter Beckett, Town of Appleton; Eric Greiner, Dragon Products; Matt Coleman, Lonza; Chris Whytock, Rockland Fire/EMS; Andrew Hart, Knox County Administration; Lorain Francis, Penquis; and Katie Tarbox, MCH/MOW.

The meeting was called to order at 10:34 a.m. by LEPC Chair Tim Polky.

Approval of Minutes: 1/4/2022

- Jerry Squires made a motion to approve the minutes. Nina Caputo seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all in favor.

Secretary's Report:

1. 2021 Tier 2 Reports:

After the last LEPC meeting local businesses started receiving their submission packets. Facilities have started submitting their reports. Of the 89 facilities we currently expect to report for 2021, the state has received 19 of them. Three of those are EHS facilities. Candice has been contacting facilities to offer assistance with their reports if they need it. Candice and Matt Fournier will be checking in with each other to compare which reports have been received in case one agency received a report that the other didn't.

2. AR-1 Reports:

- 1/20/22 heating oil leak in Friendship. A nine-year-old tank leaked. Fuel crossed over three properties. The cleanup resulted in most of the dirt in the driveway being removed. Property is still being watched since the leak happened near the town's water supply.

Treasurer's Report:

No Financial report available this month.

Update on State Reimbursements

Knox County was finally reimbursed for the April – June and July – Sept of 2021 quarters. Faith Staples at MEMA was instrumental in getting those payments pushed through.

- Jerry Squires made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Nina Caputo seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all in favor.

Training updates: *Knox County LEPC has a \$7,235.61 funding commitment for responder/facility HAZMAT/Chemical Safety related training for July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.*

Recent Past Training

Dates:	Title:	Location:
January 24	EAP & COOP Planning	Virtual
January 28	EAP & COOP Planning	Virtual

Future Training

Dates:	Title:	Location:
January – February 2022	Emergency Planning Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) Reporting Workshops	Via Zoom – see schedule for dates, times, and to register
February 2022	CAMEO training	See CAMEO course posters
April 2022	AWR 148: Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents	Knox County EMA (was originally scheduled for October 19 th but postponed due to COVID)
Spring 2022	FFI&II (will include HazMat Ops in April)	Hands-on/Virtual

Exercise Updates:

Recent Past Dates:	Title:	Location:

New Business:

1. Discuss Permissible Uses for HMEP Training Funds

SERC approved some changes to the grant program. It's the hazmat planning grant. It allows some additional types of training that all falls under that program. There have been changes made to the training grant application so local fire departments can take advantage of the grant funds to have training. Everyone needs to keep in mind, however, that any fire department wanting to make use of the funds needs to apply to their local LEPC. There will be more info in the SERC minutes when that goes out. The application has to be received by the LEPC for approval within 45 days of the actual training.

Miscellaneous:

1. Next Meeting

The next regular LEPC meeting will be March 1, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

2. LEPC Applications

Matt Fournier said that both of the LEPC applications for Bobby Coombs and Nina Caputo were approved by the SERC at their last meeting.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Candice Richards
LEPC Secretary

Remaining 2022 Meetings:

March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, July 5, August 2, September 7, October 4, November 1, December 6